

# Friction

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## Testing Rule I

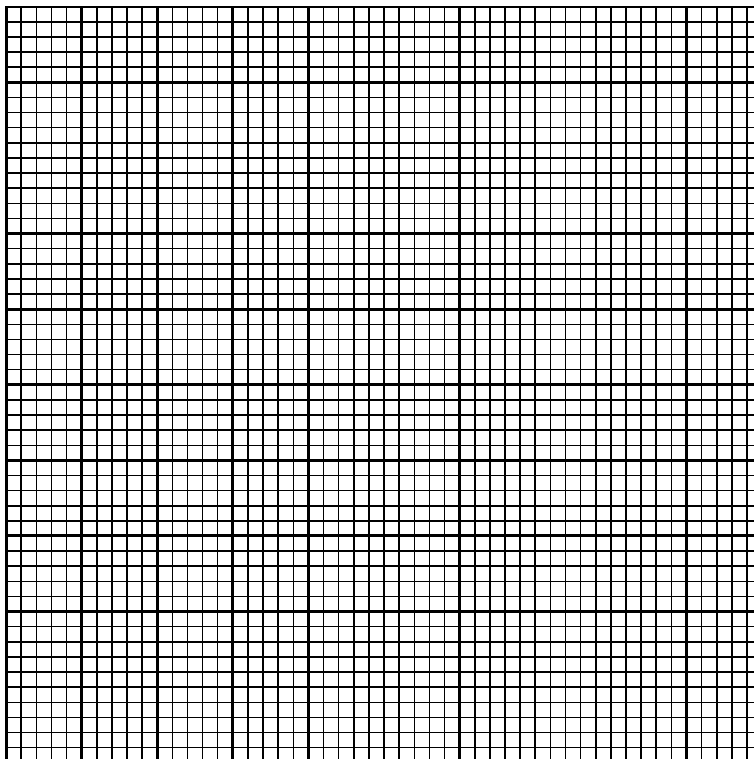
(Q-1,2) Measure  $f_s$  and  $f_k$  for various normal forces.

Weight of the block = \_\_\_\_\_ gwt

Added weight (gwt)	Normal force (gwt)	Static friction (gwt)					Average $f_s$ (gwt)
0							
100							
200							
300							
400							
500							
600							

Added weight (gwt)	Normal force (gwt)	Kinetic friction (gwt)					Average $f_k$ (gwt)
0							
100							
200							
300							
400							
500							
600							

(Q-3) Plot  $f_s$  and  $f_k$  on the same graph as a function of  $N$ .



(Q-4) Compute the coefficients of friction  $\mu_s$  and  $\mu_k$ .

$$\mu_s = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \qquad \mu_k = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

What are the SI units of  $\mu_s$  and  $\mu_k$ ?

Is Rule I supported by your data? Explain.

Testing Rule II

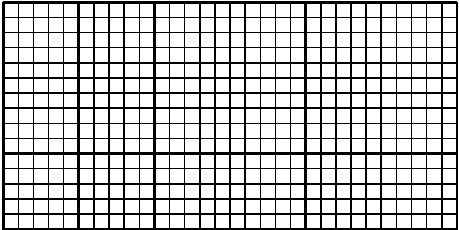
(Q-5,6) Measure  $f_s$  and  $f_k$  for each side of the block.

$x =$  \_\_\_\_\_ cm       $y =$  \_\_\_\_\_ cm       $z =$  \_\_\_\_\_ cm

Normal force (same in all cases) = \_\_\_\_\_ gwt

	Area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	Static friction (gwt)			Kinetic friction (gwt)		
Large side							
Narrow side							
End							

(Q-7) Plot  $f_s$  and  $f_k$  on the same graph as a function of area. Plot each individual data point.



(Q-8) Is Rule II supported by your data? Explain.

# Testing Rule III

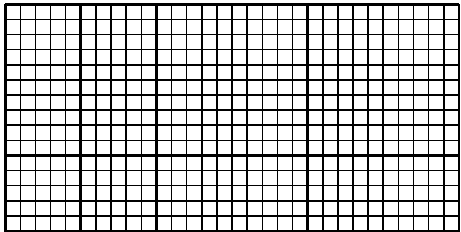
(Q-9) Measure  $f_k$  for four different speeds.

Normal force (same in all cases) = \_\_\_\_\_ gwt

Speed (cm/s)	Kinetic friction (gwt)		
25			
17			
10			
5			

Why doesn't Rule III apply to static friction?

(Q-10) Plot  $f_k$  as a function of speed. Plot each individual data point.



(Q-11) Is Rule III supported by your data? Explain.

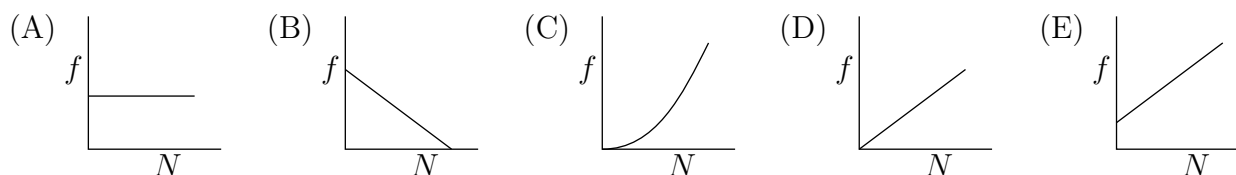
Examine Rule IV in the lab text. Can you draw any conclusions regarding this rule from the experiments you have performed in this lab? Explain.

## Exercises

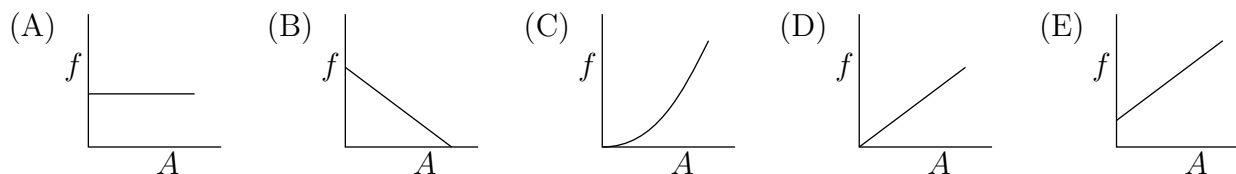
How did you determine the normal force in testing Rule I?

- (A) By direct measurement.
- (B) Normal force equals the weight of the block.
- (C) Normal force equals the amount of weight added on top of the block.
- (D) Normal force equals the sum of the block's weight and the added weight.
- (E) Normal force equals the sum of the friction force and the added weight.

Which of the following graphs would show Rule I to be correct?



Which of the following graphs would show Rule II to be correct?



Which of the following applies in testing Rule II?

- (A) The normal force should be kept constant while the area is changed.
- (B) The area should be kept constant while the normal force is changed.
- (C) Both the normal force and the area should be kept constant.
- (D) Both the normal force and the area should be changed.

In testing Rule III, why can we get away with making a crude estimate of the speed of the block?

Suppose we push the block across the paper with some initial velocity and observe that the block slows down to rest with constant acceleration after we let go of it. Which rule would this observation support?

- (A) Rule I.
- (B) Rule II.
- (C) Rule III.
- (D) None of the rules is supported by this observation.

Explain: